



## Application for the 2016 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Is Now Available

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*The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is pleased to announce that the application for the **2016 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards** is now available. Completed applications must be received at NJDEP by September 28.*

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey.

Since the awards program was established in 2000, 140 winners have been recognized.

Nominations can be submitted for the following categories: Clean Air; Healthy Ecosystems; Water Resources; Land Conservation; Healthy and Sustainable Communities; Healthy and Sustainable Businesses; and Innovative Technology. In addition, the category for "Environmental Education" has been divided into two awards: one for adult-led educational initiatives and one for projects that are student-led or have succeeded due to a high level of student involvement.

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Award winners will be honored at a ceremony in December, to be held in Trenton.

The 2016 application and other awards information is available at [www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards](http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards). Completed applications must be received at DEP by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28.

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